WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America celebrates its Sixty-Fifth birthday; and,

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America is preparing a nationwide effort to relate and promote America's Bicentennial and have as its theme, "Be Prepared for Life: Be Safe, Be Fit;" and,

WHEREAS, Over 100,000 religious, fraternal, civic, business, industrial, and veteran organizations have supported this move by the BSA;and,

WHEREAS, Scouting and its partners are contributing in this State's efforts in the building of character and improved citizenship training of youth in South Dakota:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That on behalf of the people of the State of South Dakota, I wish to express to the Boy Scouts of America, our local Scout Councils, and their State partners, our deep appreciation. The partnership between the Boy Scouts of America and religious, fraternal, civic, business, industrial, and veteran organizations that have dedicated themselves to providing service and assistance to youth throughout the State is a program which serves to strengthen our youth and the hopes of all of us for the future:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby present this Executive Proclamation as a token of my personal and official appreciation to:

BLACK HILLS COUNCIL

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 19th day of February, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-five

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Lorna B. Herseth

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE